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The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is sponsoring the 2013 Foster Youth Internship (FYI) Program on May 28, 2013 through July 30, 2013 in Washington, DC. Foster youth across the country will be selected to attend this paid internship and spend time researching about policy issues affecting foster children all over the nation. Foster youth selected to attend the foster youth internship will have the opportunity to advocate change for foster youth by creating a policy report that will be presented at a Congressional briefing and released to child welfare advocates across the country.

The 2013 Foster Youth Internship Program is for young adults who spent at least 24 consecutive months or at least a total of 36 months in the U.S. foster care system. All applicants must have completed at least four semesters of schooling at an accredited institution of higher learning, such as a college, university, or vocational school. Foster youth interns selected will be placed in the Washington, DC offices of Members of Congress.

It is recommended workers discuss this opportunity with adolescents on their caseload that would benefit from this internship. Coordinators for Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative should discuss this internship opportunity with youth participating in their youth boards.

The application deadline is Friday, January 11, 2013. CCAI must receive completed applications (including the application form, resume, transcript, essay, short answer questions, two letters of recommendation, and recommendation forms) via email to allison@ccainstitute.org by this date. Notification of the selection to move forward to the interview phase will be made by February 15, 2013. All applicants will know of their acceptance into the Foster Youth Internship Program by February 22, 2013.

Please see information about the program and the application form by visiting: http://www.ccainstitute.org/fyiapply.html.